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Hongkong, 10th January, 1895. [27]

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1895. [15]

MARRIAGE.

On the 18th instant, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Very Rev. Father Luigi Piazzi, JOSE W. LOUREIRO, eldest son of the late Jose da Silva Loureiro, Consul General and Chargé d'Affaires of Portugal in Japan, to LAURA MARIA, eldest daughter of the late Hermenegildo A. Leira, and niece of A. G. Romano, Esq., Consul General for Portugal in Hongkong.

BIRTH.

At Shanghai, on the 14th inst., the wife of F. S. OLIVEIRA, of twin daughters.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1895.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING, 1895.

Stewards:—His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir R. Fremantle, K.C.B.; His Excellency Major-General Digby Barker, C.B.; Commodore Boyes, R.N.; Colonel Macdonell, R.A.; Colonel Mulvey, R.E.; Lieutenant Colonel St. Paul, The Rifle Brigade; Lieutenant Colonel Barrow, Hongkong Regiment; The Hon. C. P. Charter, A. Coxon, Esq.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; H. E. Hobson, Esq.; The Hon. J. J. Keswick, D. Gillies, Esq.; M. Grote, Esq.; J. D. Humphreys, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.
Clerk of Stables:—H. E. Hobson, Esq.
Judge:—The Hon. C. P. Charter.
Starter:—M. Grote, Esq.
2nd Starter:—A. Babbington, Esq.
Hon. Treasurer:—J. C. Peter, Esq.
Acting Clerk of the Course:—Hart Buck, Esq.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.
The Hongkong annual Race Meeting was commenced this afternoon under most favorable

circumstances. In fact, the weather was glorious, and the brilliant sunshine was tempered by a cool nor-easter. The race-course was in excellent condition, and the going everything to be desired, which reflects great credit on the Acting Clerk of the Course. As usual there was a very large attendance at the Happy Valley, the Chinese in the centre of the enclosure numbering many thousands, and the rails from the distance post right away to the Bowington Gate were, as usual, thickly lined, the military and naval elements predominating. The exodus from the western districts of the city towards the Wong-nel-chong commenced early in the morning, and continued until well through the afternoon. Owing to the admirable police arrangements, the unusual traffic on the roads leading to the race-course gave no trouble; and on the course itself the crowd was orderly and well-behaved. The Grand Stand, paddock, and the long array of private stands stretching from close to the Bowington Bridge almost to the top of the hill, were every nationality under the sun. The straight run in, and the crowded turn-out, of almost every jockey in the Grand Stand and reserved enclosure was equal to that of previous years, and doubtless the genial weather had a lot to say in the matter of dress, which the fair sex displayed with much taste and in the latest fashions. Business in the city was suspended at noon, and long before that hour a steady stream of people kept surging eastward along Queen's Road and Tse-tse East with little cessation until after the saddling bell had rung for the first race.

On the course the scene was one to be long remembered. For picturesque beauty the Happy Valley is probably the prettiest race-course in the world: a green oasis surrounded on three sides by rugged hills thickly covered with trees, with the harbour and the mainland of China just visible through a narrow opening to the north-west. But on this particular day the usually quiet retreat of the Hongkong community was all bustle and activity. From morning until night the Grand Stand and reserved enclosure was crowded with spectators bent on enjoyment, every kind of Chinese game and exhibition was in full swing in the middle of the valley and along the roads leading to the Grand Stand. Within the Grand Stand enclosure, the scene was bright and animating. As above stated, the attendance of the fair sex was large; and nearly all the leading residents of the colony were present, including the principal naval, military, and civil officials. The Band of the Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own) occupied a position close to the Grand Stand, and performed various selections in admirable style.

The following are details of to-day's racing:—
THE WONG-NEL-CHONG STAKES: a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; 1894-95; allowed 7 lbs.; and Subscriptions of season 1893-94, allowed 5 lbs. Half a mile.
Mr. Dryadus's ch. Hard Times, 11st 12lb. Mr. Hart Buck 1
Mr. Boyd's g. Dundee, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 1
Mr. Boyd's b. Hobeit, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 3
Mr. F. B. Aubert's br. Berawing, 11st 12lb. Mr. Gresson 0
Mr. Carruthers' ch. Sweetbrier, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crickbank 0
Mr. David's pld. Celt, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Elgar's g. Rains, 11st 12lb. Mr. Sampson 0
Mr. Ingles' spd. Alaric, 11st 12lb. Mr. Ingles 0
D. Noble's g. Sunrise, 11st 12lb. Mr. Noble 0
Mr. Boyd's g. Glenalbyn, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 0

There was a little delay at the start and after two false starts had been made the crowd was despatched with Hard Times fully two lengths ahead of his field, Hobeit second and Dundee (the favourite) third. Entering the paddock, Dundee and Hobeit were both pressed by Celt, but he was soon beaten off and the race struggled evenly until Hard Times, who, however, held his position and won by a length, with Dundee second and Hobeit a good third. Time, 1 min.

THE ASHLEY CUP: presented by D. R. Sargood, Esq., for China ponies; entrance fees to go to the winner; second pony to receive \$50; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.
Mr. Boyd's g. Dunblane, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 1
Mr. Fourman's cr. Primrose, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 2
Mr. Little's g. Chesal, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 3
Mr. David's d. Blue Ribbon, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Dryadus's ch. Dandy, 11st 12lb. Mr. Hart Buck 0
Mr. John Peel's g. Seaweed, 11st 12lb. Mr. Gresson 0

To a capital start, Primrose made the running from Dunblane, Chesal and Blue Ribbon in the order named. This order was maintained until the Black Rock was reached, where Primrose appeared beaten and Dunblane coming with a tremendous rush took the lead. A desperate struggle followed the straight ended in an easy victory for Dunblane, with Primrose a good second, Chesal third and Blue Ribbon fourth. Time, 2 min. 10 secs.

THE HONGKONG DERBY: a sweepstakes of \$20 each; half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries, with \$500 added for first pony, and \$200 for second; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; 1894-95; first pony to receive 70 per cent; second, 50 per cent; third, 30 per cent; weight for inches as per scale; one mile and a half. (Nominations close to the Clerk of the Course at the Club on Saturday, the 20th December, 1894.)
Mr. Buxey's bk. Black Velvet, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 1
Mr. John Peel's ch. Starlight, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crickbank 2
Mr. Fourman's ch. Sinner, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 3
Mr. Taylor's g. Rainbow, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 4
Lord C. Conyngham's g. Baccarat, 11st 12lb. Mr. Hart Buck 0
Mr. David's pld. Scot, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. John Peel's cr. Warlock, 11st 12lb. Mr. Gresson 0

Very little difficulty was experienced in getting the field off on equal terms. Black Velvet soon showed in front, Warlock, Rainbow and Sinner lying next with the others in a cluster close lengths in the rear, while Starlight, cleverly ridden by Mr. Crickbank, brought up the extreme flank. Passing the 1 mile post the first time the rider of Black Velvet very cautiously drew back and made a waiting race of it, leaving the Sinner and Rainbow in premier position, which they held until the time came for the final rush into the straight. Then Black Velvet and Starlight came with a grand rush through the field (the former leading his opponent) and a fine race home resulted in a victory for the favourite by a length and a half. The Sinner was third, and the much-dreaded-one, Rainbow, fourth. The rest close up with the exception of Warlock, who was hopelessly out of the hunt from start to finish. The time, 3 min. 8 secs., was very slow, and doubtless suited Black Velvet.

THE FOCHOW CUP: value \$200; presented by the Fochow Community; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$5. Two miles.
Mr. Buxey's g. Bluebeard, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 1
Mr. Dryadus's g. Cobweb, 11st 12lb. Mr. Hart Buck 2
Mr. John Peel's g. Seaweed, 11st 12lb. Mr. Gresson 0

Mr. F. B. Aubert's & Bowill, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 3
Mr. Carruthers' g. Haroc, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crickbank 0
Bluebeard won this race handsomely from Cobweb, who was very cleverly ridden throughout by Mr. Hart Buck. Bowill an indifferent third. Time, 4 min. 25 sec.

THE VALLEY STAKES: a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added for winner; second pony to receive \$50; for Subscription Grifflins of this season, 1894-95; weight for inches as per scale. Three quarters of a mile.
Capt. Thomas' d. Morrison, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 1
Mr. Fourman's g. Magic, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 2
Mr. Derick-Hunter's bk. Pickenlany, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 3
Mr. Aldale's br. Diogenes, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 0
Mr. Baconsfield's g. Premier, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 4
Mr. Boden's ch. Sear, 11st 12lb. Mr. Boden 0
Mr. Carruthers' ch. Sweetbrier, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crickbank 0
Mr. David's cr. Silver Dart, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. John Peel's spd. Iota, 11st 12lb. Mr. Gresson 0
Mr. Kramer's bk. Fra Diavolo, 11st 12lb. Mr. Sampson 0
Mr. Manners' g. Crusader, 11st 12lb. Mr. F. H. May 0

Morrison upset many a "pot" in this race with consummate ease, owing to the excellent jockeyship of Captain Thomas. Time, 1 min. 36 secs.

THE LUSITANO CUP: presented by the members of the Club Lusitano; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; Subscription Grifflins of this season, 1894-95, allowed 7 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.
Mr. Rose's b. Hobeit, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 1
Mr. Buxey's g. Homeguard, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 2
Mr. Boyd's g. Congo, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 3
Mr. Derick-Hunter's br. Timekeeper, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 0
Mr. John Peel's g. Seaweed, 11st 12lb. Mr. Gresson 0
Mr. Hobeit, very judiciously ridden by Mr. Taylor, won this race hands down; Homeguard a fair second and Dunblane a good third. Timekeeper, the favourite, was fourth and Seaweed last. Time, 2 min. 45 sec.

THE CANTON CUP: value \$200; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.
Mr. Taylor's ch. Rainbow, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 1
Mr. Boyd's d. Dunmore, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 2
D. Noble's g. Sunrise, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 3
Lord C. Conyngham's g. Baccarat, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. David's pld. Celt, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Boyd's pld. Harling, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 0
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' ch. Voltigeur, 11st 12lb. Mr. Hart Buck 0
Mr. Ingles' spd. Alaric, 11st 12lb. Mr. Gresson 0
Mr. Jay's skd. Tankard, 11st 12lb. Mr. Sampson 0
Mr. Taylor's g. The Rake, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 0

Won easily by Rainbow; Dunmore a good second, with Sunrise a fair third. Time, 2 min. 12 sec.

THE HONGKONG CLUB CUP: presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.
Mr. Boyd's g. Dunblane, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 1
Mr. Buxey's g. Bluebeard, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 2
Mr. Fourman's cr. Primrose, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 3
Mr. John Peel's w. Torchlight, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crickbank 0
Mr. David's pld. Celt, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 0

Won in a canter by Dunblane, whose rider made a waiting race of it. Time, 3 min. 18 sec.

THE COMPROMISE CUP: presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for Subscription Grifflins of this season, 1894-95; weight for inches as per scale; winner of Valley Stakes 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.
Captain Thomas' d. Morrison, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's g. Lunna, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 2
Mr. David's cr. Silver Dart, 11st 12lb. Mr. Master 3
Mr. David's g. Silver Cloud, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 0
Mr. John Peel's spd. Iota, 11st 12lb. Mr. Gresson 0
Mr. Kramer's bk. Fra Diavolo, 11st 12lb. Mr. Sampson 0

Won by three lengths; a good third. Time, 2 min. 11 sec.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES: a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added; for Subscription Grifflins of this season, 1894-95; first pony to receive 70 per cent; second, 50 per cent; third, 30 per cent; previous winners excluded; weight for inches as per scale. Once round.
Mr. Buxey's g. Wildfire, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's bk. Pickenlany, 11st 12lb. Mr. Crawford 2
D. Noble's d. Sunset, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 3
Mr. Aldale's br. Diogenes, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 0
Mr. Baconsfield's g. Premier, 11st 12lb. Mr. Taylor 4
Mr. Boden's d. Chop Chop, 11st 12lb. Mr. Boden 0
Mr. David's g. Gibraltar, 11st 12lb. Mr. Burkill 0
Mr. Jay's w. Nixons, 11st 12lb. Mr. Sampson 0

Pickenlany made the running and led until the Black Rock was reached, where Wild Fire showed in front and Sunset coming through the field in capital style challenged the leader, and after a very game struggle entered the straight on level terms with him, despite the vigorous efforts of Mr. Master to stall him off. A fine race followed between Pickenlany and Wild Fire ended in favour of the former by a neck; Sunset a good third, and thereat in a cluster a couple of lengths in the rear. Time, 1 min 50 sec.

TIPS FOR TO-MORROW.
THE SURREY STAKES.
1.—Dunmore.
2.—Warlock.
3.—The Rake.
THE EXCHANGE PLATE.
1.—Bluebeard.
2.—Cobweb.
3.—Buvill or Dunblane.
THE PROFESSIONAL CUP.
1.—Primrose.
2.—Homeguard.
3.—Hobeit.
THE GERMAN CUP.
1.—Morrison.
2.—Lunna or Silver Dart.
3.—Iota.
THE JOCKEY CUP.
1.—Premier.
2.—Diogenes.
3.—Sinner or Fra Diavolo.

THE FLAVAY STAKES.
1.—Sunrise.
2.—Dunblane.
3.—Seaweed.

THE TAI YUK FONG CUP.
1.—Sinner.
2.—Scot.
3.—Baccarat.

THE NAVY CUP.
1.—Cobweb.
2.—Torchlight.
3.—Buvill.

THE FAREWELL CUP.
1.—Starlight.
2.—Black Velvet.
3.—Sunrise.

THE GYMKHANA STAKES.
1.—Silver Dart.
2.—Pickenlany.
3.—Diogenes.

TELEGRAMS.

JAPANESE COURTESY.

LONDON January 20th.
The remains of Admiral Ting and the other soldiers have been conveyed to Chefoo by a Japanese ship with the greatest honours.

THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

After the division on Mr. Chamberlain's amendment to the Address the debate was closed amidst opposition cheers by a majority of eight.

INDISPOSITION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales is suffering from the effects of a chill caught whilst skating.

THE AMERICAN LOAN.

An American 4 per cent. loan of \$52,000,000 has been issued in London and New York. The interest will be payable in gold or silver.

(Special to N. C. Daily News.)

CHEFOO, February 14th, 10 p.m.
Negotiations for the surrender of Weihai-wei have been pending since Tuesday. Admiral Ting committed suicide the same night. The Chenyuen is the only vessel of the Chinese fleet remaining.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BROADWOOD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

H.M.S. Centurion arrived here this morning from Chefoo.

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

The British gunboat Pigeon arrived here to-day from Shanghai.

W. ROBINSON & Co., piano builders, tuners and repairers.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship *Ravenna*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 4 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here on or about Sunday, the 24th inst.

At the Police Court to-day, before Mr. Hastings, Nawab Shah, Corporal of the Hongkong Regiment, was again charged on remand with feloniously shooting and killing Umraz Khan, Sergeant of the same regiment, at Kowloon on the 14th inst. No additional evidence was taken, and the case was further adjourned till 11 a.m. on the 22nd inst.

Two Chinese boarding-house runners and two boatmen were charged before Mr. Hastings at the Police Court to-day, at the instance of Mr. A. Stott, chief officer of the British steamer *Nanchang*, for unlawfully boarding the said steamer while under way without permission on the 19th inst. Fines amounting in the aggregate to \$64 were imposed and paid.

In the Supreme Court this morning, in Original Jurisdiction, before His Honour Mr. E. J. Akeroyd, Acting Chief Justice, judgment was given in the great case of Sun Hwa Qu, Russell & Co. and others. This case is one of unusual importance, on account of the very large interests involved, and the character of the claims of the plaintiffs and the exceptional methods used in the various stages of the transferring of property rights. The plaintiffs were: The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited; the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China; the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China; the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited; and the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; while the defendants were John Murray Forbes, Ng Noon Sun, Howqua, Cheong Ewean, and N. Chow Fong. The claim on behalf of the plaintiffs, was that the transactions by which the properties of Messrs. Russell & Co. were conveyed to Mr. John Murray Forbes as trustee to secure an indebtedness to Ng Noon Sun, Howqua of T. 25,000 and interest, as well as other transactions connected with these were all made in bad faith to the creditors and in anticipation of insolvency and were therefore null and void, which charges the defendants denied. The evidence submitted by the plaintiffs seemed deficient in quantity and in convincing force so that the defendants naturally claimed that no testimony had been produced by the plaintiffs showing why the transactions should not stand, nor anything being brought forward to impeach the evident good faith of all the defendants concerned in these transactions, and in consequence the defendants claimed that it was necessary to introduce rebutting evidence. The case was reviewed in minute detail by His Lordship, and will be found of great interest to all business men of the colony, but, owing to its unusual length and to the great amount of matter for this evening's paper, it will be necessary to withhold the publication of the judgment in full until to-morrow's issue. His Lordship in closing said that he found that Messrs. Russell & Co. were indebted to Mr. J. M. Forbes for money advanced out of trust funds, and that no evidence had been offered showing the firm to have been indebted at that time, or that disclosed an intention to undertake fresh liabilities or new adventures. There were, it is true, certain suspicious circumstances about the transaction, by the absence of the schedule of the property which was to be given as a security, and by the failure to have such a schedule registered at the time of giving it as security; but these were not sufficient in the absence of all evidence as to the indebtedness to justify him in finding that these were fraudulent acts and that the transaction was not an honest one and was done to protect the property of Russell & Co. "Is it not," his Lordship asked, "in accordance with the facts to say that this transaction was really intended to be what it purported to be, viz., the giving of security to J. M. Forbes for money which he had advanced to Russell & Co., and if such was the object, and it seems so to me, I think it should be upheld and that the charges of irregularity made against it do not show that fraud which would justify me in saying that this was not a bona fide transaction?"

New Comic Song and Dance Albums at W. Robinson & Co.

At Shanghai on the 15th inst. H.M.S. *Pigeon* was flying her homeward bound pennant and left on the same day for Trincomalee, where she will pay off.

At the Magistracy to-day, a Chinese bricklayer was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, and to be whipped eighteen strokes with a rattan, for snatching a pair of ear-rings, valued at \$24, from a Chinawoman in Hollywood Road yesterday afternoon.

The many friends of Colonel Denby, U.S. Minister to Peking, will regret to learn that his son Charles who left Shanghai last December, has died in Peking. The young man, who was at one time First Secretary of the Legation, and during the absence of his father, *Chargé d'Affaires* at Peking, was on his way home to be married. The cause of death was apoplexy.

In his weekly share report dated Shanghai 14th February Mr. B. Ruttonjee says:—"It is gratifying to have to report a continued upward tendency in nearly all of our local securities during the week under review. The most marked advance has been in Sumatra Tobacco, viz., a rise of over fifty per cent. on the capital. Banks, China Fires, and Hongkong Wharves have also been freely dealt in at enhanced prices, both for cash and on time, and at the close I can only say that the tone all round is decidedly firm. Hongkong Banks.—These shares have continued their upward movement. Cash sales have been reported at 15 1/2 per cent. prem. and at 15 1/2 per cent. prem., whilst contracts have been signed for May and June deliveries at 17 1/2 per cent. prem. and at 17 1/2 per cent. prem. respectively. Insurances.—Marine—Unions have again found buyers at \$115, and Yarrigates at \$88 have maintained their last week's rates for cash, but for 31st March, 1895 have had to be paid. Traders have also advanced, and sales at \$65.50 and \$65.10 at \$63 have been reported. Fire—Hongkong have been sold at \$100, and again at \$110 and Chinas have been dealt in to a considerable extent for forward delivery, viz., at \$85 and at \$85.50 for April, whilst cash business has been done at \$84. This Company pays the usual dividend of \$6 per share, and carries forward \$10,772,471; had it not been for the exceptional losses incurred in Manila during the past year, the report of this Company for 1894 would have been one of the best ever issued. Shipping—Macao Steamboats have paid a dividend of 6 per cent. for the last half of 1894. I now quote these shares at \$25.75 ex div. Shanghai Tows have changed hands at \$12.120, at which rate the market close firm.

This afternoon, shortly after one, an alarm of fire was rung from the Central, which, on investigation, was found due to a fire-up in the very heart of the city, on the two upper floors of No. 3 Wy Tuck Lee Lane, a short, narrow passage way, buried behind the office of the *China Mail* and approached from Wyndham and Wellington Streets by two tunnels. The place was a most dangerous one for a fire to start in, and under some circumstances, might have been disastrous. Fortunately the fire had made but slight head way by the time the brigade arrived, and by taking possession of the steps of the *China Mail* office, the hose was carried up to a point from which the flames could be advantageously attacked. Here again was the lack of more suitable conveniences for reaching the fire very conspicuous. The streets were soon filled with those immediately interested in the fire and those drawn from curiosity; and the sloping front of the St. Paul's College and the Bishop's residence, and the steps of the German Club and the windows of Pedder's Hill were dotted black with interested spectators. There were some curious sights when the gaily furnished apartments of the Chinese *Miles-de-jole* on Wyndham Street began to empty of their frail occupants and their fine belongings. Some wretches even exclaimed *ah! I die!* and *oh, my!* But all of a sudden, as they rushed out from the tunnels with their traps, were far more diverting and seemed like a swarm of dark ants from the lower world, each with some saving from the flood and flames that were ravaging his nest. In this fire the need of long ladders, section ladders, was greatly felt, such as might have been manipulated in these otherwise inaccessible and impossible recesses which are such a continued source of uneasiness to the colonists. Our evening contemporary was usual came to the rescue, when called on, and was the unfortunate sacrifice to the necessities of the occasion. The hose through its windings and joints so much that the steps and press and composing room were fairly deluged and their unhappy plight of a few weeks ago was almost renewed. We sincerely condole with them and can easily imagine their despair. Being told of about 1200 tons of *Miles-de-jole* were all we have learned that "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and that it is better to be virtuous, than to be happy."

LOUIS MORNINGSTAR, alias Richard Vincent, the infamous globe-trotter who called at this office a few months ago and stated he was travelling round the world without a single dime in his pocket, *sic* on brass check and downright impudence of the most audacious description, turned up in San Francisco on the 5th ult. and of course stated the nearest newspaper office with a view to adding one more free "had" to his already long list of easily gotten "cumshaws." He presented the Editor with his photo, and as "a fair exchange is no robbery" the youth was written up in *The Call* thusly:—"Richard Vincent, the young globe-trotter who has visited most of the civilized and half of the barbarous nations of the world, and who has been written up in the American, English and Indian papers under the name of Louis Morningstar, is in the city again, and now proposes to write a book, because, as he says, 'I have been everywhere and seen every-thing, and there is nothing else for me to do.'" Young Vincent tells some tall stories of shooting tigers and cougars in India, but seems to have fairly established the fact that he has travelled extensively upon his passports and certificates, while he carries with him as evidence. Since young Vincent was here, a year ago last September, he says he has visited Japan, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India, and varied the usual route of the globe-trotter by a visit to Mauritius, Capetown and Johannesburg. Thence he went to Cairo and Alexandria, visited the Holy Land and Constantinople, went to Gibraltar and the Azores, and finally returned to New York. "What about the abortive attempt to interview Sir G. T. O'Brien—Ed. H. K. Telegraph?" Young Vincent is a thirteen-year-old lad and does not suffer from a lack of assurance (rather than Ed. H. K. T.) He modestly tells of counting the Mikado of Japan and the Emperor of Germany among his friends, and recounts how he has dined with President Cleveland, with Governor Flower of New York and with David B. Hill. He is making his home with J. W. Row of 1516 Park street, Alameda, in which town he says he proposes to remain for several months. "I am going to give a lecture in the opera-house in Alameda on the 10th," said the lad, "and then I am going to write my book." He says it will take him two months to write his book.

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